STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The attention of the Government of Rajasthan has been drawn to the border crossings reported to have taken place through the Rajasthan sector, for appropriate remedial action.

Crisis facing Cinema Industry

471. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large that the Indian cinema industry is facing a crisis; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of cinema houses in the country have closed down and if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information available in the distribution Branch Offices of the Films Division, a total number of 321 cinema houses were closed during the year 1989-90. However, at the same time 117 cinema houses were either newly opened or re-opened in various States. The State-wise break-up of the cinema houses closed is as under:—

S.No.	States	No. of Cinema Houses closed during 1989-90
1.	Assam	11
2.	Bihar	22
3.	Goa, Daman & Diu	1
4.	Gujarat	30
5.	Haryana	5
6.	Himachal Pradesh	4
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	2
8.	Karnataka	19
9.	Madhya Pradesh	35
10.	Maharasthra	69
11.	Orissa	11
12.	Punjab	10
13.	Uttar Pradesh	49
14.	West Bengal	53
	TOTAL	321

'Brarat Ratna' award

472. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the norms for conferring the 'Bharat Ratna' the highest civilian award?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): The decoration of 'Bharat Ratna' is awarded by the President of India to any person in recognition of his/her exceptional service towards the advancement of Art Literature and Science, and in recognition of public service of the highest order without any distinction of race, occupation, position or sex.

Policy for recognition of Workers' Unions

473. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not evolved any policy so far regarding recognition of Workers' Unions in Public, Private and Cooperative Sectors; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of applications for recognition of Unions are pending for years in the absence of any clear guidelines; and